

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Philippe Caplain, et al.  
Appln. No. : 10/542,254  
Filed : July 15, 2005  
Title : SEALING JOINT WITH PLATE-LIKE INTERNAL STRUCTURE  
FOR VERY HIGH TEMPERATURES

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Examiner : Gilbert Y. Lee

Customer No. : 00116  
Docket No. : 38469

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006 (Paper No. 20060801). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expired on November 11, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended for 3 months, up to and including, February 11, 2007. The \$1,020.00 extension of time fee is being charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 38469.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.